

REMARKS

In view of the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests consideration and allowance of the subject application.

Claim Rejections

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 9-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Applicant traverses these rejections and refers the examiner to MPEP 2163 for a discussion of the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. In short, The “new matter” argument in the examiner’s rejection has no basis in the law of 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 9-16 and 30-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101. The preamble to various of these claims has been amended to address the rejection.

Claims 24-26 and 36-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101. Various of these claims have been amended to address the rejection.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious anticipated U.S. Patent Application No. 2002/0046141 to Boone et al. (“Boone”) in view of U.S. Patent Application No. 2002/0046131 to Mankoff

("Mankoff"). Various of these claims have been amended to address the rejection.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the present application. Should any issue remain that prevents immediate issuance of the application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney to discuss the unresolved issue.

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